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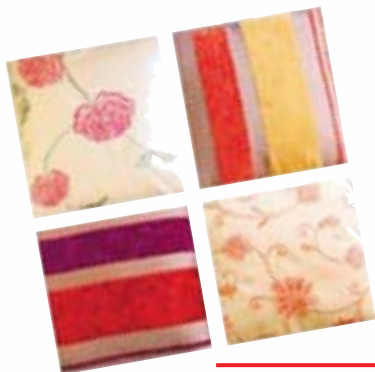


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## OUR VERDICT ON PANTO

The Marlowe is once again heaving to packed audiences for this year's pantomime, with young and old alike getting into the spirit of the lively production.

But is the final panto at the existing Marlowe actually any good? We went to see Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs and inside you can read exactly what we thought about it. **FULL STORY - PAGE 5**

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

THE crunch has taken another bite out of one of Canterbury's most ambitious redevelopment projects.

Amid on-going concerns over the multi-million pound schemes in place for both the Marlowe Theatre and the Beane Institute, Kent Cricket Club has now confirmed work on the St Lawrence Ground has been postponed.

And club chiefs say it may not be until 2010 that work finally gets under way on changing the face of one of cricket's most famous and historic venues.

In a further blow, the club has hinted jobs may have to be cut from backroom staff as they look to balance their books.

Kent had hoped to start the £10 million scheme in January of this year, but their carefully considered plans kept facing challenges thrown up by the increasing economic crisis, particularly in the construction industry.

Now, as they prepare to unveil financial figures which are likely to reveal some of the heaviest losses in the club's history, they have admitted the ground on Old Dover Road is unlikely to undergo changes just yet.

The redevelopment programme would have seen the ground radically altered, with a new hotel, stands and improved facilities turning the site into a year-round revenue-generator.

But much relied on selling the land currently used as a car park opposite the Bat and Ball pub on the Old Dover Road to help finance the deal.

Yet despite striking a deal the crunch has left the developers struggling, forcing them to pull out.

Club chairman George Kennedy confirmed talks have begun with other contractors and hoped work would begin in the spring, but

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# Free parking not on list of VAT 'returns'

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

TAXPAYERS will see VAT savings passed on by Canterbury council, but how and when is yet to be decided.

Many organisations – particularly shops looking to capitalise on the pre-Christmas rush – are already trumpeting savings based on the Government's 2.5 per cent reduction in VAT.

Canterbury council has said it will follow suit with finance bosses considering which services will see reductions.

One area which will not see charges lowered is car parking, despite pressure from retailers.

Last week the Federation of Small Businesses called on local authorities to allow free parking in city centres over the festive season to provide added stimulus for shoppers.

#### Advantage

Andrew Aves, FSB regional organiser for Kent and Medway, said stores would benefit as more customers would be prepared to come and shop in areas with lower parking costs or free parking.

He said: "Access to quality parking provision is a significant factor in store performance."

"Local authorities need to realise that parking is an essential service not a short-term revenue grab."

"The failure of some local authorities to pass on the VAT cut will blight many small businesses' at one of the most important times of the year – Christmas."

But Canterbury council said the savings would be passed on.

A spokesman said: "We are not planning to change the charges in our car parks."

"Instead, the council will be looking at the financial advantage it will gain from the reduction in VAT and will then identify ways in which it



**BARGAIN HUNT:** Many of the city's shops are already trumpeting the VAT reduction

can return that to customers through either special promotions or the adjustment of one or two prices."

Other organisations have already declared they will be passing on reductions.

The Gulbenkian's cinema and theatre will reduce their ticket prices in January in an attempt to increase ticket sales.

The Gulbenkian's director Dee Ashworth said: "I applaud the Chancellor in cutting the cost of living for us all and it's only fair that the saving should be passed on to our audiences."

"We are committed contractually to hold current prices until January."

"But for 2009 most ticket prices for the Gulbenkian cinema and theatre will be reduced."

"Even tickets for the popular GulbCineClub will be cheaper offering an unbeatable combination of the finest films at the keenest price."

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**WAITING GAME:** The St Lawrence Ground

## Redevelopment vital to long-term future

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admitted the delay could be much longer.

He told Yourcanterbury: "It's far from certain. I would much rather pull out of the whole thing and wait until the market improves, unless we can get the right price for our assets. We are not going to sell the family silver cheaply."

"The only worrying thing is we are anxious to improve the facilities. We need to do something."

"In 2010, the English Premier League starts and the money coming in should be quite substantial from the ECB. If nothing happened until then we would use the money for redevelopment."

The news is the latest in a series of delays which has hit the ambitious plans. They include a 130-bed hotel, conference facilities and a facelift for the pavilion. A development of 73 houses on the Bat and Ball site and net area is the part of the scheme which has run into difficulties.

The county, who described the redevelopment as essential to the long-term future of the cricket club, have already spent close to £1m on planning permission and legal fees for the plans, but will see none of the benefits until the work is finished.

Despite reaching two one-day finals last season, Kennedy is predicting disappointing figures when the accounts are released, with cost-cutting measures needed across their operations.

He said: "We lost 14 days of cricket at home due to the weather, which is 15 per cent of the season. We have no income on those days, but still have to pay the stewards, catering and the players. It was one of the worst summers we have had in many years."

The problems at the club come against a backdrop of uncertainty across the district for major plans as property prices slump and sales of assets to fund new projects fail to realise the sums required.

City council chiefs have committed themselves to both the Marlowe rebuild and the Beaney revamp – but confirmed they will not hesitate to put both on the backburner if the sums don't add up.

• For more on the situation at Kent and the impact on the playing squad, turn to sport.

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# Teachers told to 'spy' on overseas students

## New law aims to crackdown on immigrants

**EXCLUSIVE**

BY GARETH ARNOLD

CANTERBURY lecturers have claimed new government plans to make them "spy" on overseas students "could create a climate of fear in our classrooms".

Under new plans unveiled by the Government last month, lecturers will be asked to monitor overseas students on their courses, to make sure they are attending classes.

The move comes as part of a crackdown on visas issued to foreign students, amid government fears that some are using higher education as an excuse to enter the country.

The new rules – which will include fingerprinting and biometric identity cards – are expected to come into force from next year.

Dennis Hayes is the branch secretary of the University and College Union at Canterbury Christ Church University and the founder of leading national campaign group Academics for Academic Freedom.



**TAKE NOTE:** The Government says some immigrants enter the country on student visas, but have no intention of studying

He argues the new regulations will damage trust between students and teachers, and says tighter laws are not needed.

Mr Hayes said: "These new rules could create a climate of fear in our classrooms and laboratories if we allow them. There is more chance of a Martian than a member of Al Qaeda turning up to study in Canterbury."

### Classified

"Giving academics a policing role is an attack on our academic freedom and independence."

"Canterbury Christ Church University and the University of Kent – staff and students – have always been supportive of overseas students."

The University and College Union has previously blasted suggestions university staff should identify students who might pose a

security threat. But from autumn 2009, universities will have to inform the UK Border Agency if an overseas student has dropped out.

The Government says some immigrants enter the country on student visas yet have no intention of studying.

This can be done through fake institutions or by students signing up for genuine courses and then dropping out.

Many universities are keen to attract overseas students – classified as those from outside the European Union – as they pay higher fees than their British counterparts.

This now represents an important source of income and some universities are concerned the tough new laws could put off potential students and endanger university funding.

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## Local causes have some festive cheer

LOTTERY cash has brought early Christmas presents to three worthwhile local causes.

The latest round of Awards for All grants saw the Crab and Winkle Line Trust receive £4,700. The cash will go towards 30,000 leaflets publicising the route between the city and Whitstable.

Equine centre The Paddocks, Riding for All, in New House Lane, received £4,991. It works with 300 people with disadvantaged backgrounds every year.

Meanwhile, Bekesbourne with Patricxbourne parish council was given £587 to get its 1,000 parishioners using the twin villages' many footpaths once more. The council will create a hand-drawn map and print a copy for every household in the area. The map will also be available to tourists who trek along the famous North Downs Way.

Awards for All is the small grants scheme administered by the Big Lottery Fund on behalf of Lottery good cause funders, Arts Council England, Big Lottery Fund, Heritage Lottery Fund and Sport England.

The scheme makes awards of between £300 and £10,000.

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## HR unity to save council thousands

CANTERBURY could be sharing back office services such as human resources and payroll with four other councils under ambitious joint working plans.

The money-saving move could cut the cost of personnel services for Canterbury, Dover, Folkestone and Thanet councils by a combined total of £400,000.

The plans were discussed by the Joint Arrangements Committee, a partnership between the four councils and Kent Council Council, designed to share services such as waste, benefits and planning.

Alex King, deputy leader and cabinet member for corporate support and external affairs at KCC, said: "You will see more and more of this in the future as councils share certain services in order to get the best value for money and keep council tax down, which is only right."

KCC will oversee the combined human resources department, which would see reduced costs in areas such as IT, recruitment advertising, and training, through economies of scale. According to a report on the plans, reduced staffing levels will however lead to "inevitable" redundancies.

## Nation sheds a tear as creator of TV legend Bagpuss dies

THE man who created some of British TV's best-loved children's characters from an old chicken shed in Blean was being mourned this week.

Oliver Postgate, 83, died in Broadstairs on Monday. Along with Blean-based illustrator Peter Firmin, he was responsible for creating and writing the likes of Bagpuss, The Clangers, Ivor the Engine and Noggin the Nog.

A recent BBC poll declared Bagpuss the most popular kids' creation ever.

The two created the films as part of their company Smallfilms, filming much of their most popular shows on a farm in Blean – and, as Mr Firmin, revealed, shunning the chance to make films on the silver screen.

Mr Firmin told [Yourcanterbury.co.uk](http://Yourcanterbury.co.uk): "He refused to go into the big time. One of his agents offered to back him to develop and employ a lot of people to make really big films but he turned it down. He preferred being a

cottage industry, that small is beautiful. We preferred to be small and happy than have the worry of big business."

The duo's BBC series – in particular the tales of the saggy old cloth cat Bagpuss – have captivated generations of children. Originally aired in 1974, the 13 episodes have been extensively repeated.

The University of Kent at Canterbury awarded Postgate an honorary degree in 1987 and A Canterbury Chronicle, a triptych by Postgate commissioned in 1990, hangs in the Great Hall of Eliot College on the university's Canterbury campus.

The original Bagpuss, meanwhile, is on display at the Museum of Canterbury along with a display from The Clangers.

You can view Mr Firmin discussing Oliver Postgate and his career on our free broadband TV site, [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk). Simply search for the word 'Firmin'.



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NEWS IN BRIEFChildren give MP lesson  
in taking the walking bus

TRANSPORT Minister Paul Clark visited St Mary's School in Whitstable last week to learn about their walking bus scheme.

Mr Clark joining a walking bus to St Mary's and spoke to children and volunteers about their experiences.

Representatives from Kent and Medway Walking Bus Group were also on hand to answer the minister's questions.

The group organises walking buses across the county as a safe and environmentally sustainable way for children to get to school.

New number will help get  
to root of your problem

PATIENTS who need urgent dental treatment will need to call a new telephone number from next week.

From December 15, patients who need emergency treatment can call the referral management centre on 01233 667997 who will find them an appointment at one of eight NHS dental access centres in east Kent.

The centre is open from Monday to Friday, 8am-4pm and the service aims to see all emergency patients with pain or swelling within 24 hours.

Cathedral concert offers  
up the best of baroque

WORLD-CLASS musicians will offer an evening of baroque entertainment at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday.

The popular Save Canterbury Cathedral Christmas Concert will feature Musici Durovernum, an instrumental group which includes members of the English National Opera, and choral group The Marian Consort. All tickets for the evening are £10, and the performance will start at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available on 01227 464764 or from the appeal's office at 27-28 Bургate.

Bomb disposal are called  
in for beach detonation

A CONTROLLED explosion was carried out on a wartime bomb found washed up on the coast of Reculver on Friday.

A local man out walking spotted the device on the beach near Herne Bay. He called police who in turn called in the bomb disposal experts.

The Thames Estuary is no stranger to war relics. Off the coast lies the remains of the SS Richard Montgomery, a boat which sank in 1944 with an estimated 3,000 tonnes of explosives on board.

New business centre's  
growth plan for talent

**GROWTH PLAN:** Minister for the South East, Jonathan Shaw (second left) set the diggers rolling on the scheme. Once completed it will look like the illustration above right.

WORK has begun on an ambitious £7.3million business centre designed to help boost the local economy over the challenging year ahead.

Based at the University of Kent campus, the Canterbury Innovation Centre is due to be completed next year and is set to attract jobs and money to the city, despite the downturn in the economy.

Crucially, it is hoped it will keep the brightest young talents within the district.

Funded by the South East England Development Agency (Seeda), Minister for the South East, Jonathan Shaw MP, set the diggers rolling at the groundbreaking ceremony last week.

The Innovation Centre will provide almost 25,000 sq ft of offices, studios and workshops,

## ■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

and is part of the university's strategy to halt the 'brain drain' highlighted by a council report earlier this year which said the district lacked highly skilled job opportunities, relying instead on less well paid sectors such as tourism.

This is prompting many graduates to leave the district to find work elsewhere.

## Pilot scheme

One of the aims of the centre is to make the district more attractive for graduates to stay and work in and the emphasis will be on attracting businesses aligned to the university's strengths, such as security applications, medical devices technology, biotechnology, ICT and life sciences.

Seeda is keen to stress the centre will put Canterbury on the map for technology as well

as tourism. If work goes to plan, it will be open for business next October.

Lee Amor, executive director of development at Seeda, said: "It will provide an ideal environment for businesses to establish themselves and grow, making the most of the knowledge and skills that the local universities are generating."

"The Canterbury Innovation Centre is a real opportunity to develop the links between the east Kent economy and the university."

The University of Kent tested demand for the Innovation Centre by setting up a smaller pilot scheme at the campus in 2005, called the Canterbury Enterprise Hub, which currently has a long waiting list.

Tenants include award-winning companies such as Oil Drum Ltd, recent winners of the Kent Innovation Challenge 2008. They will be among the first companies to be offered space in the new centre.



## £3,400 for 'hunger strike' medal

## ■ BY CHRIS BRITCHER

A MEDAL awarded to a woman for a hunger strike in her fight to help secure women's rights has sold for almost double the asking price at a Canterbury auction.

The silver Suffragette 'hunger strike' (pictured) medal sold for £3,400 at the Canterbury Auction Galleries last week. It had been expected to sell for around £2,000.

The medal, pictured, had been presented in 1912 to Anna Hutchinson "by the Women's Social Political Union in recognition of a

gallant action whereby through endurance to the last extremity of hunger and hardship, a great principle of political justice was vindicated".

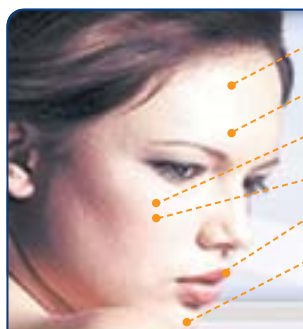
It was sold to an online collector from Essex.

A spokesman for the auction house said: "The medal was awarded by the WSPU to those militant suffragettes imprisoned

for various acts of violence and who went on hunger strike whilst in prison.

"At first, they were forcibly fed under the most barbaric conditions, as a result of which several died."

"The Government subsequently introduced the so-called Cat and Mouse Act whereby hunger strikers at the point of death were released, but then re-arrested and returned to prison when they had recovered sufficiently from their ordeal."



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**SMALL WONDER:** Former EastEnders' actress Emma Barton (centre) is Snow White in this year's Marlowe panto

# Panto marks the end of an era in style

IS this the best Marlowe panto yet? Oh yes it is!

It's traditionally the most eagerly anticipated run of the year, and Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, which is now in its second week, does not disappoint as it serves up perhaps the perfect family production.

In fact, if ever there was a fitting finale for the final panto in the current Marlowe then this is surely it.

For this is a far more focused and flowing affair than previous efforts. The jokes seem sharper and the cast all excellent; each role clearly defined and interaction with others well worked.

And the storyline rockets along without any of the all-too-frequent bizarre tangents it has, in the past, gone off on.

## Alluring

Stephen Mulhern – back from his starring role in Aladdin last year – is proving something of a panto expert. As Muddles, he has a warm and easy rapport with the audience which is, as any panto-goer knows, such a crucial ingredient.

It is his sparring with Ben Roddy as the evil Queen's Henchman which is perhaps the highlight. The David Walliams-esque Henchman has some quality lines and Roddy, who has played the role elsewhere in the past, is one the audience quickly warms to.

EastEnders' star Emma Barton ticks all

■ REVIEW BY **CHRIS BRITCHER**

the boxes as Snow White, while Richard Hurst injects sufficient humour into Prince Charming to ensure you root for him to win Snow White's heart, despite Muddles' secret adoration for her.

By the time you've thrown in Dave Lee – who is back to top form, looking healthier, and complete with that bench in tow – the whole production is truly spell-binding and fantastic fun from start to finish.

But, of course, the stars of the show are the seven dwarfs. You could discuss the politically correct aspects of panto until the cows come home, but there is no getting away from the fact their scenes so often stole the show.

By the time you've thrown in some well choreographed dance sections, a surprise appearance by another EastEnders, and a strangely alluring evil Queen Ivana (you can guess the jokes with that name), and this really is quite brilliant.

Next year the panto will be staged in a big top in Kingsmead coach park... and Peter Pan will be the star turn. But don't wait until then. You owe it to yourself and your family to go to Snow White.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs runs at the Marlowe until January 18. To book log-on to [www.marlowetheatre.com](http://www.marlowetheatre.com) or call 01227 787787.

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## yourcanterbury NEWS IN BRIEF

### Grand Marlowe finale is already a sell-out success

TICKETS for the Marlowe's final curtain next year have already sold out – more than three months in advance.

The eagerly anticipated Night of A Thousand Stars promises to be a star-studded event with some of the biggest names in show business making an appearance. But theatre-lovers hoping to snap up seats were met with signs declaring the event a sell-out.

The likes of Orlando Bloom have been invited to the final show prior to the Marlowe's demolition which is due to take place on March 22.

The line-up is being kept a tightly guarded secret, but is expected to include many who have graced the boards there over the years.

Meanwhile, tickets continue to sell well for Peter Pan – next year's pantomime.

It will be staged in a heated, all-seated, state-of-the-art theatre at Kingsmead Coach Park. Dave Lee has already confirmed he will be appearing – and bringing along the famous wooden bench for its 14th year of stealing the show.

### Fenwick evening viewing highlights Govinder's art

INDIAN-influenced art from Govinder will be on show at The Art Room in a special viewing at department store Fenwick tomorrow.

Govinder's trademark cat, dog and elephant images are available as limited edition prints, sculpture and Royal Worcester china.

Refreshments will be served at the event held between 6-9pm, which will include Govinder's new releases as well as previous work.

The Art Room is on the second floor of the St Georges Street store in Canterbury. For more information telephone 01227 454840 or email [canterbury.artroom@fenwick.co.uk](mailto:canterbury.artroom@fenwick.co.uk).

### Regiment given freedom of city at special parade

A SPECTACULAR parade marked The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' freedom of the city on Sunday.

The Royal Regiment of Scotland marched through Canterbury in a special parade to mark the award and their homecoming from Afghanistan. The parade started from Station Road West car park at 11.30am and followed a route up St Peter's Street and the High Street.

After collecting the Freedom of the City from the Lord Mayor, the battalion marched through Whitefriars Square to Canterbury Cathedral for a special private service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance.

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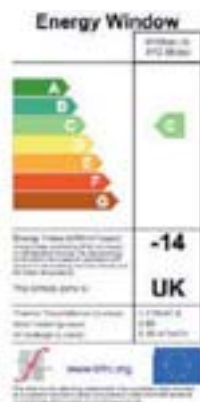
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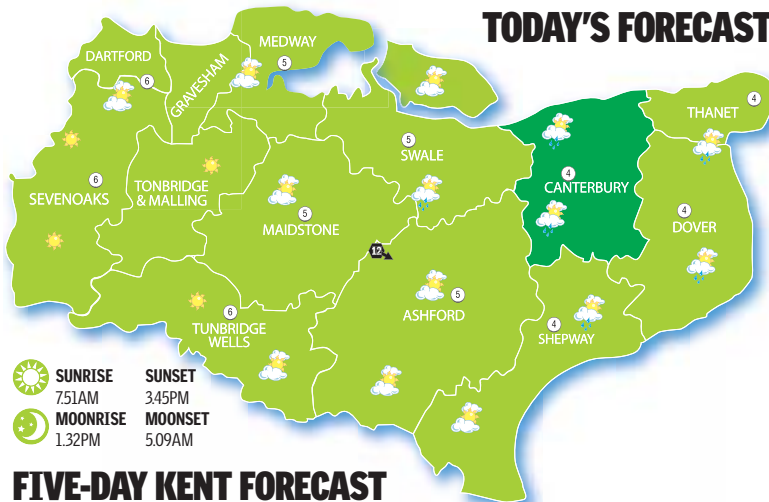
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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### ROGER ODD



**Q** Tell us about your career:

**A** I worked around the country for Boots and was head of professional and scientific support at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) in London for 12 years. I was the media and Government spokesman on pharmacy matters and PR spokesman representing pharmacies across the UK.

I wanted to be a doctor but after my A levels decided I would study to be a pharmacist. It really is an interesting career and I wanted to stay in the health field. I was also very interested in pharmacy politics. My job at the RPS was fabulous. I used every opportunity to promote the profession and spent my time meeting people around the world explaining the best use of medicines. The greatest thing about it was every day was different and I met so many people.

**Q** You also featured on GMTV alongside Dr Hilary Jones. How did you find that?

**A** I used to do that about once a month to talk about medicine. Some of it would be filmed in a pharmacy and it would be relayed back to the studio. When I used to go on GMTV the studio would send a driver to where I live at about 4am to beat the London traffic. Then you sit in the green room and wait to go on. I remember one time when I was supposed to be on, a big story broke so they said they would postpone what I was doing until a couple of days later. They said my taxi would be cancelled but they forgot. The next day there was

a banging on my door at around 4am and a taxi driver told me I had to be taken to the studios and I'd have to get ready in the car. I told him it had been cancelled but he insisted it hadn't. We were standing there arguing, my family had woken up and I was shouting that it had been cancelled. Finally, he called the studio and realised they didn't need me.

**Q** Do you still work within the pharmaceutical profession?

**A** Yes. I retired from working in London and now do consultancy work for pharmaceutical firms and work for the RPS on a freelance basis. Some of the work I do at the moment involves advising poorer countries in places such as Africa and the Caribbean about medical issues. I offer support with regards to AIDS and TB. I go out to the country and talk to people about things such as the terrible rates of HIV. In Botswana this was 60 per cent but through medical work and support carried out it has dropped to 30 per cent. The people out there are so grateful to you. Certain countries are very poor and so willing to listen to the advice being given to them. Next year I am going to Barbados and Ghana to work with people there.

**Q** How did you get involved with the Freemasons?

**A** Through my job I met a number of Masons and joined my school lodge. I was persuaded to join about 35 years ago – but I wasn't sure at first. They were looking for a secretary

for the Secretary's Lodge. I ended up as Provincial Grand Secretary for the East Kent province, which covers Canterbury, Dover, Ashford and Thanet.

**Q** What does this involve?

**A** I have to make sure the province runs as efficiently as possible for members in the area. I have to co-ordinate activities, promote Freemasonry and its ideals. We raised £1 million in the last few years that has gone to individuals and local branches of national charities. We need to show we're not some mysterious cult and are actually part of the community. My job is to make sure we get people to understand what we are and how we want to be a big part of the east Kent community.

**Q** What's the best thing about being a Freemason?

**A** The people you meet – no question about it. The camaraderie and helping fellow members is a big part of it. It's an interesting job but it's also a hobby.

**Q** With the little spare time you have, how do you like to spend it?

**A** Going on holiday and as long as I have a camera round my neck I'm happy. I've taken hundreds and thousands of pictures. I even thought about taking up photography. I also love watching cricket. I used to play, I was a wicket keeper and played for several clubs in Kent – nothing got past me.

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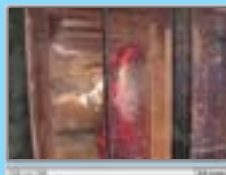


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# Health trusts facing equality challenge

BY JENNA PUDELEK

NHS trusts in Kent are set to be questioned if their workforce is not diverse and representative of the area they serve.

More than 100 clinicians and senior managers attended a conference this week organised by NHS South East Coast, the strategic health authority (SHA) that covers Kent, Surrey and Sussex, on improving equality, diversity and human rights.

It comes after a recent review found black and ethnic minority health-workers in the region were facing widespread disadvantages including a disproportionate number involved in bullying and harassment, grievance and disciplinary procedures.

Sue Webb, the SHA's director of clinical and workforce development, said: "If we can develop a workforce that is diverse and respects human rights it will have a direct and positive impact on our ability to deliver care."

The Race Equality Service Review was carried out by the SHA's Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Network.

It found significant under-representation of BME senior leaders and a disproportionate amount of people from BME backgrounds

working just below middle management. Ms Webb said the report, published in August, was helpful and had encouraged the SHA to accelerate its investigation into equality and diversity issues across the region.

The SHA has developed a scheme, which is being adopted by other authorities across the country, to find out how many BME staff are being employed and which pay-band they are in throughout its 27 organisations.

Ms Webb said: "The network did its best at collecting data around ethnicity, which is a challenge for the whole of the public sector. We have this tool which provides a window into organisations and will allow us to challenge them."

At a meeting with chief executives, she said there would be a focus on leadership and "why

we have not got more BME colleagues at board level". The review found that Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust and East Kent Hospitals University NHS Trust have all-white British boards.

She said leadership was also an issue that she wanted to discuss with Surinder Sharma, the Department of Health's director of equality and diversity, as well as proposals to set targets for employing BME staff at board level.

Ms Webb said she was working with human resources to investigate the review's findings that a disproportionate amount of BME staff were involved in grievances, bullying and harassment cases. At NHS West Kent, for example, BME employees made up 43 per cent of bullying and harassment procedures, but



**DIVERSITY:** A greater mix of ethnicities is being called for within health care, particularly at management levels

only accounted for seven per cent of the primary care trust's workforce.

A number of schemes to improve the diversity of NHS organisations under the SHA while at the same time reducing health inequalities was also under way, Ms Webb said.

The PCT, NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent and East Kent Hospitals University NHS Trust are taking part in an initiative called the Pacesetters Programme to make working environments fair and free of discrimination.

Ms Webb said: "It is about improving health inequalities across the six strands of diversity – disability, sexual orientation, gender, religion and beliefs, age and race.

"It is important we are developing our workforce, but the impact will be on the patient."

## Plea for job advertising to target more ethnic diversity

JOB adverts should be targeted at specific groups to attract more people of black and ethnic minority origins to take up new posts, according to a Kent paramedic.

Winston Dwyer, who works as clinical education manager at South East Coast Ambulance (SECAmb) service, is co-chair of Aspire, a group which promotes

equality and diversity throughout the trust and is open to all staff.

He said: "The percentage of BME staff within SECAmb is very low in comparison with the population we serve. Part of Aspire's aim is to address that."

Mr Dwyer added that it was important ambulance staff represented the community they served.

"For example, we serve areas with large Asian communities, but members in the service are minimal," he said.

"We have done what we have always done as far as recruitment is concerned, and changing that strategy is needed.

"Advertising in specific papers like the Voice or an Asian paper

where specific people read it so we target specific areas and get the maximum exposure – these are the types of strategies we [Aspire] have been looking at."

Mr Dwyer said he had not been the victim of racism during his time in the ambulance service and had been able to progress well up the career ladder.

## Calling all injury-ridden footballers – extra healing help is on its way

NHS Careers is giving one unfortunate football team the chance to win new kits for its entire squad.

As part of the Step Into The NHS campaign, the group has launched a competition to find the most injury-hit youth or school football team in England during the 2007/08 season.

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NHS Careers will follow the winning team's progress next season on the Step Into The NHS website, including squad details, fixtures, results, highlights of key games and interviews with team members.

Healthy eating and exercise tips

from a range of NHS staff will also be on the website.

Alan Simmons, careers consultant for NHS Careers, said: "Many teenagers think of careers in the NHS as being about doctors, nurses and blue lights.

"But just as a football team needs more than players to be a success,

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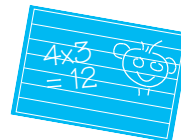


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The celebration of achievement will be held in the main hall of the new £50 million campus in New Dover Road.

More than 100 students will receive awards from the guests of honour, who include Lord Mayor of Canterbury Cllr Caroline Parry; BBC South East's Peter Whittlesea; and Ann Parkin, the vice-chairwoman of the college's governing body.

After the presentation, winners and their families will join college staff and award sponsors at a reception.

The ceremony starts at 6.30pm, with students arriving at 6pm.

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PLEASED: Kingsmead Primary School headteacher Michelle Anderson

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

OFSTED has praised the excellent care, skilful teaching and exciting learning opportunities on offer at Kingsmead Primary School after a recent inspection.

The Canterbury school was visited by inspector Richard Blackmore, who praised Kingsmead's approach and achievements.

He said: "Teachers have good knowledge about the progress of individual pupils, and the strong emphasis on celebrating the achievements of all pupils is helping them to become confident learners."

Also mentioned were the "good planning, use of information technology, active teaching assistants and a mixture of interesting activities and resources to meet pupils' needs", which "help to ensure pupils enjoy lessons and make progress".

The school was awarded a 'satisfactory' judgement overall, with many good and some outstanding features.

Mr Blackmore said: "There are good features due to the school's leadership team having an accurate picture of the school's strengths and being successful in ensuring

improvement." Kingsmead has been asked to continue to focus on raising standards, especially for higher-attaining pupils, and to improve rates of attendance.

The school already has plans to address these issues, according to headteacher Michelle Anderson.

She said: "I am pleased that the inspectors have recognised the highly inclusive curriculum we provide which is enhanced by the wide range of visits and visitors, links with other countries and extra-curricular activities on offer, which our children clearly enjoy."

## Fantastic

"We remain focused on continuing to ensure improvement in our provision for our fantastic children."

The chairman of governors, Cllr Martin Vye, praised the work of Mrs Anderson and her staff.

He said: "Mrs Anderson and the staff have shown that Kingsmead Primary School is helping Canterbury children to achieve their very best."

"Everyone at the school will be encouraged by this very positive report to continue to work hard to drive standards up even higher."

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# Playtime is here with family's fantastic gift

BY JENNA PUDELEK

CHRISTMAS has come early for a Kent children's ward, with £7,000 worth of toys donated by the family of a 10-year-old boy with cancer.

Jason and Vicki Fuller's son, Lewis, was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer, called Ewing's sarcoma, in April.

The couple, from Biddenden, noticed that Lewis and his fellow young patients did not have much in the way of entertainment during stays at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford.

"My wife and I just felt the kids have to lie in bed for weeks and have no personal entertainment, so we bought them DVD-players, televisions and PlayStations. Friends and family all chipped in. Everyone wants to help because it's for children," Mr Fuller said.

The Fullers raised almost £20,000 through two charity parties and a sponsored walk.

Money has been split between Padua Ward, the children's ward at the William Harvey; University College London Hospital, where Lewis has been having chemotherapy; and the Bone Cancer Research charity. Sue Gibbons, ward manager at Padua, said the youngsters were thrilled with all the toys, especially so close to Christmas.

"It's unbelievable," she said. "The family has



**AT THE WHEEL:** Lewis Fuller accompanied by family members - including mum and dad (back, far left) - and ward manager Sue Gibbons (red strap with ID badge)

worked so hard to get us all this equipment for the children."

Children going for operations will now be able to drive themselves to the theatre in a motorised toy car. Mr Fuller said he hoped Lewis would be able to spend Christmas Day at home with the family.

"He is so happy all the time," he said, paying tribute to his brave son. "He is a magician and has joined the Magic Circle."

"When he had his collar bone removed he spent two days in intensive care and was doing magic for all the other kids. I think that speaks for itself."

Only about three children a year are diag-

nosed with the same form of bone cancer as Lewis has.

Mr Fuller said: "All the staff have been brilliant. The care has been second to none and their nurses are so kind and gentle with the kids. They just need individual entertainment such as televisions and DVDs to keep them occupied."

The Fullers said they would be doing more fund-raising in the New Year and hoped to donate more toys and gifts to children who were forced to stay in hospital to make them feel more at home.

To join the Fullers' fund-raising drive, phone Jason Fuller on 07977 442924.

## 'Councils Bank' could bypass global turmoil

COUNCILS could team up to form a national town hall bank to protect taxpayers' money from crashes in financial markets.

Peter Gilroy, the chief executive of Kent County Council, is backing the idea in the wake of losing £50 million invested in Icelandic banks during the credit crunch.


He said the idea of local authorities running a bank made sense as it would protect council reserves. The move would see some of the cash available to councils across the UK invested in their own newly-created financial institution. Research into the plan is still at an early stage, but financial analysts say it is a practical proposition.

Mr Gilroy said: "Finding a way forward means looking at the big picture and seeing how local councils can work together."

"What is clear is that the public interest principles of running a bank would be great for business and would sit well alongside other work KCC and other councils are doing to support local economies. With that in mind, we will be working with the New Local Government Network and other councils on the idea of a Councils Bank."


"This could be a win-win situation. With local authorities as shareholders you can use dividends for investing in services or returning money to the taxpayer."

Chris Leslie, director of the New Local Government Network, said: "If only a quarter of the £15-£20bn of local government reserves was invested in a Councils Bank, then millions in available capital could be released, regardless of how sticky private lending between banks might be."



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As a result, I joined thousands of others in treating myself to a subscription, with the intention of cancelling the moment I could.

Or, more to the point, the minute my wife discovered I was spending yet more on sports channels I already rarely watched.

She had a point. After one England match, the bulk of my viewing extended to a re-run of the (albeit thrilling) 1979 Arsenal v

Manchester United FA Cup final on Arsenal TV – a club channel they throw in for free.

Probably not worth the subscription money, if I'm being honest. I could have bought a DVD of that 1979 final for less.

So, after being rumbled, I was on the phone and cancelling this week. Despite reading scare stories about how tricky it could be, they were friendly and helpful and all went well. Until they put me on hold.

I'd already turned down a cut-price deal to keep me subscribing for a further few months. I'd turned down their advice to speak to a 'loyalty team advisor'.

Now I had an unrelated query and they were transferring me to someone to discuss it. However, as they put me on hold, music started – it was Cold As Ice by Foreigner.

Nothing wrong with that, you might say. A classic. A song you hear all the time.

Until, of course, you listen to the opening verse. So picture the scene. I'd just cancelled my subscription. I'd just turned down generous offers to stay. And the first words are:

*You're as cold as ice  
You're willing to sacrifice our love  
You never take advice*

*Someday you'll pay the price, I know*

OK, I'm sure it was coincidental, and probably a tongue-in-cheek reference to the chilly weather, but part of me just thought: "Clever. This is the music for the freshly cancelled. It's rude and insulting ... or is it?"

I'm still not sure it was intentional, but part of me would like to think it was. You'd have to admire the bare-faced cheek. I like to think there's a button they press for the newly cancelled which allows the otherwise polite and efficient staff to give an exiting customer a gentle kick.

Part of me wanted to hang on and find out what the next song was. I Will Survive by Gloria Gaynor, I expect. I took no chances and hung up.

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## TALK TIME

### MAX TILLINGS

The chairman of the Canterbury branch of the NSPCC, talks about the charity's new drive for volunteers.



#### What have you got planned next year?

We've got lots of events already planned. We'll be working with a whole list of corporate partners in Canterbury including supermarkets like Tesco and Asda, and shops like Fenwick, B&Q and Debenhams to name but a few.

We really need more volunteers to help us make the most of it next year.

#### What jobs do you need volunteers to do?

It's mainly bucket collecting outside the stores, but we also need people to help organise future events, maybe do a bit of light admin work, that kind of thing.

And it doesn't have to take up loads of time. Half an hour to an hour is still a lot of help. I think it's important to get this message across to people, because I think many are put off volunteering because they think it represents too much of a time commitment, but it all helps. We also want to put on some events for volunteers themselves, to give something back to them for all the hard work they do. We are really very appreciative of the work people do with us, and we want to make volunteering fun.

We're planning nights out and special events for volunteers. We've got concessions with cinemas and bowling alleys and places like that, so we can organise that sort of thing for our volunteers.

We're trying to appeal to all kinds of people, young and old. For older people especially, volunteering can be a great way to network and socialise.

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## YOUR LETTERS

### Slow roads to put us on safer track

An interesting debate between Clive Wilkins-Oppler and Terry Hudson on road accidents: here are some statistics to help:

- Thailand has 12,000 traffic deaths per year, for a population the same as the UK where there are 3,000 traffic deaths.
- Traffic deaths are the single largest cause of death amongst Thais.
- Cambodia has 1,500 road deaths for a population a little larger than London and Kent. The largest cause of death for Cambodians after AIDS.
- Both countries have good, and improving, roads and developed urban areas.

The problems are clear; speeding, drink-driving, poor road signage (often too much), motorbikes/no crash helmets, no seatbelts and using mobile phones.

Clive is right. Reducing speed limits, with "slow-road" design, is the last hurdle for the UK to reduce road deaths.

Tim Carbutt  
By email

### Tent will be a big top of family fun

I must say I had originally dismissed the idea of holding next year's pantomime in a circus tent on the grounds that it would be cold, chilly and couldn't create the same atmosphere as a bricks and mortar theatre provides.

However, having visited the Marlowe this week to see Snow White, I read that it will all be



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fully central heated and 'state-of-the-art'.

Which actually made me think

it will be rather fun.

It won't be the same, of course, as the current Marlowe is a



lovely place, but I'm sure it will fit the bill perfectly.

Edna Giles  
Chartham

### Wonderful night out at the panto

I would just like to pass on my gratitude to the team behind this year's panto at the Marlowe.

My son took me and his family there this week and it was simply wonderful.

The girl from EastEnders and the chap from children's TV were extremely good and had a lovely rapport with the audience.

I will be recommending it to all my friends.

T Turner  
Canterbury

### Ghost bench needs to be exorcised

I know everyone loves Dave Lee and the wooden bench in the Marlowe panto, but surely it's getting near the time when this could be retired?

Or is the cunning plan to keep it included in the panto until the much discussed but not yet made Ghostbusters 3 hits the movie screens to make it seem really up-to-date?

Kate Lorenzo  
By email

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review of this year's panto at the Marlowe - Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs. And let us know what YOU think. Email or write to us, at the address above.

## Times have changed but Woolies hasn't

While it is sad to see Woolworths in trouble can I be the first to say I do not see it as completely bad news.

I see it as the end of a much unlamented era - when shoppers settled for cut-priced, disappointing quality goods. Woolworths is a remnant of 70s Britain - of strikes, bad food, rubbish footballers, rotten haircuts, terrible music, "the sick man of Europe" and the three-day week. It was before decent food was available almost everywhere, excellent coffee shops were in most towns and the pub was a place with a bit of style (well some are).

That was a time when the whole of Britain was a rubbish place to be and racism, skinhead violence, football thugs and IRA terrorists dominated the headlines.

So if British shoppers have become too sophisticated to go and see what's on offer in Woolies I feel that is all to the good.

Rebecca Watson  
By email



Ferris Bueller's Day Off in the list. Granted, it is about a school boy (albeit one who looks about 25) but the whole point of it is that he's skipping school for a day.

While he's driving around the prized sports car of his best friend's dad, all we see of the school is his hapless headmaster and his increasingly frustrated sister.

Breakfast Club, on the other hand, is a work of genius. Granted it is very American, but I always felt the sense of camaraderie it creates is a fair reflection of what schools and colleges in this country can achieve.

While I'm at it, Grease - hardly a realistic portrayal of school is it!?!?

Ian Robinson  
By email

## Make rail fares an issue for our MPs

As a rail commuter, I am suggesting a response to the well-above inflation rail fare increases about to hit commuters. I suggest all rail commuters write one letter a month complaining about rail fares to their MP. The intention is to make rail fares a major issue for Kent's MPs.

Rail fare increases of over ten per cent in some cases, and over seven per cent for everyone, are even worse than those we were threatened with two years ago. Over the last ten years, bus and rail fares have risen by about 37 per cent in real terms. This compares with the cost of car use remaining roughly the same. If the Government is serious about reducing traffic congestion and air pollution and dealing with climate change, it has to ensure adequate investment in railways.

This includes keeping fares down to encourage use of railways rather than cars. I suggest that if every rail commuter writes a letter a month to their MP, we can make excessive rail fares into a major issue, forcing the Government to respond with increased investments.

We all know the Government is making unwise investments in banks, ID cards no one wants and overseas defence commitments. There is plenty of money available for investment, including the full electrification of our railways so we reduce fossil fuel energy use in this sector. It is a matter of political will, not a lack of resources.

Dr Hazel Dawe  
Chair Kent Green Party

## Educating teachers in better school films

I enjoyed your article in last week's paper about teachers' favourite school films. I too adored Gregory's Girl and thought it one of the finest.

However, I was stunned to see

## Cliff Richard's film should top the list

Surely if that was a poll of teachers' top movies, their favourite film would be Summer Holiday?

P Jones  
By email

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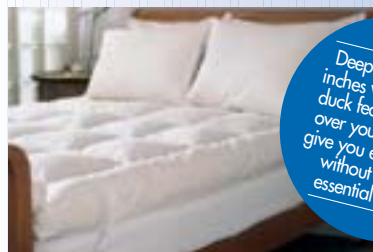
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EXPERIENCE the magic of Christmas in Anne Boleyn's childhood home, the beautiful Hever Castle.

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Children can meet Father Christmas as he takes up residence, for the first time ever, in an enchanting snow-covered log cabin. Young visitors will make their way through the magical gardens to his festive home, where they can tell him what gifts they would like for Christmas.

For anyone who would like to send letters to Santa Claus, there will be a chance to send their last-minute wish-list from the village post office.

Animal lovers can meet a beautiful creature from cold climes when a husky dog arrives to greet visitors in the gardens.

The young at heart will also enjoy the seasonal atmosphere, particularly as they will be able to see the castle by moonlight.

The gardens will be illuminated with magical lighting and the castle adorned with decorated Christmas trees to create a breathtaking spectacle. With music and carols to be

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heard echoing through the castle at weekends, it will come alive with the spirit of Christmas.

Visitors will be able to find plenty of inspiration in the gift shop, which will be bursting with great present ideas and beautiful decorations to adorn their own homes.

On Thursday, December 18, the castle will be hosting a special Christmas evening and will stay open until 8pm. There will be lots of festive entertainment on offer, from

music and carols to the antics of fire-eating Taro the Jester.

The castle's restaurants will be serving up a hearty helping of Christmas delights, including favourite seasonal treats such as hot chestnuts, gingerbread men, hot chocolate and mulled wine.

On Thursday there will be the opportunity to enjoy a traditional three-course Christmas dinner between 6.30pm and 10pm. Meals cost £39.95 and must be pre-booked.

Hever Castle is open from noon to 6pm, Thursday to Sunday, until Sunday, December 21. Admission costs from £6.

Steeped in history and set in beautiful countryside, Hever Castle is best known as the childhood home of the ill-fated Anne Boleyn.

She first met the charismatic Henry VIII at the castle and went on to become his second wife after Catherine of Aragon failed to provide him with a male heir.

The king had also tired of his former mistress, Anne's sister Mary.

But although their daughter would become Queen Elizabeth I, Anne could not provide the longed-for son and she also fell victim to her husband's rage. In 1536 she was charged with high treason and executed.

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Day started out as a stand-up comedian in 1990 but soon discovered his talent for comic characters. With Tommy Cockles, based on old-time music hall comedians, Day won the Time Out New Act of the Year Award the following year. He was later asked to appear in the hugely successful sketch series The Fast Show, alongside Charlie Higson and Paul Whitehouse.

His unforgettable creations included Billy Bleach, the Over-Competitive Dad, Australian daredevil Carl Hooper and the bolshy Inspector Monkfish. Since The Fast Show finished after three series, Day has branched out into acting. A recent role saw him appearing alongside Simon Pegg in the comedy film Run Fatboy Run.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £15/£13. To book call 01227 769075 or visit [www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk).

## FRANCES MCCAFFERTY

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ance and during the interval. To book or to find out more call 01622 765400 or go online at [www.leeds-castle.com/christmas](http://www.leeds-castle.com/christmas).

There are lots of other festive events taking place at Leeds Castle during December. Full details are available on the website.

## MARI WILSON

Saturday December 13  
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



SINGER Mari Wilson will be getting in the festive spirit with her latest show, The Christmas I Always Wanted.

One of the most striking music stars of the 80s, Wilson made a dramatic debut with her sequined dresses, evening gloves and huge beehive hairdos. She scored six hit singles, including Just What I've Always Wanted and Cry Me A River.

Following the 25th anniversary of the former song being in the top 10, Wilson brings a special Christmas show to Canterbury. It will feature a selection of her best-loved hits and new songs and a trawl through her personal collection of influences, passions and a few indiscreet stories.

It also features a sneak preview of The Love Thing, a one-woman musical which Wilson has created and co-written. Spend a fabulously festive evening in the company of the Neasden Queen of Soul, who will be making it sparkle with her unique charm, glamour and wit.

The show starts at 9pm and tickets cost £15. Book online at [www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk) or call the box office on 01227 769075.



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The line-up includes The Happy Accidents, Frances Knight Trio, Annie Whitehead, Orphy Robinson and Lol Coxhill, John Atkinson and the Deerfells, Lawrence Fletcher, Frank van der Kooij, Nigel Hobbins and more.

The gig will be at The Oyster Building in Whitstable at 8pm on Friday. Seating is limited so bring your own cushions. Tickets, costing £10, are on the door and from Herbaceous and Seagulls & Flamingos, in Whitstable, and Canterbury Rock in Canterbury.

### Enjoy some dramatic song for good causes

DURHAM House Drama Group will perform a carol concert in aid of itself and Whitstable Umbrella's Parasol group.

Get into the festive spirit with a delightful evening of Christmas music. The concert will be at St Mary's Hall in Oxford Street, Whitstable, on Saturday, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £2.50, to book call 01227 594888.

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### Come to the university for a seasonal concert

ENJOY festive music at Canterbury Christ Church University.

The Cantata Christmas Concert is being staged at St Gregory's Centre for Music on Sunday, starting at 7.30pm. The event is open to the public and there will be mince pies and wine. Tickets cost £10 or £4 for students. For details call Lucy Ross on 01227 782502 or see [www.canterbury.ac.uk/events](http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/events).

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Book shops will all be looking to lure in buyers with deals. The RRP is £6.99 but the likes of WHSmith are slashing the price by up to 50 per cent.

### Shuffle over to store for a great iPod package

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### Get your pets involved in the festive fun too

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### Discounts let you read all about celebrities

BOOKWORMS can enjoy a great read for less this Christmas because Waterstone's is offering a range of best-sellers at half price.

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For full details of these great festive savings, visit your local store or go online at [www.waterstones.com](http://www.waterstones.com).

### Transform the grumps into real groovy guys

IF grumpy old men are spoiling the Christmas spirit, treat the chap in your life to Groovy Old Men: A Spotter's Guide.

The new book by Nick Baker explores the generation of funky pensioners who are glad they did not die before they got old. Containing frank interviews with men who were bright young things in the 60s and have remained groovy throughout their lives, the book is the perfect antidote to the Grumpy Old Men series.

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

**LOUIS THEROUX'S WEIRD WEEKENDS** Dave, 11pm, Sunday

■ BY TOM BETTS

IF you have only just discovered Louis Theroux, on the strength perhaps of his most recent programmes, his back catalogue showing on Dave is well worth checking out.

These show off his wide-eyed and inoffensive interview style, which prove to be a winning combination.

Whether he's spending time with the stranger stars in the celebrity firmament or seeking out the extraordinary, it's never a waste of time.

His recent Law and Disorder double bill delivered a snapshot of life in bleak, drug-ravaged neighbourhoods, where getting beaten up, hassled by police, arrested or shot is a real, everyday possibility.

It was powerful stuff.

Programme one took us to Philadelphia, or 'Killah-delfia' as one corner boy put it in no uncertain terms.

For all his initial composure the bespectacled Theroux seemed generally shocked by much of what he saw in the Pennsylvania city, meeting junkies and drug lords alike.

More of the same was delivered a week later as he travelled to Johannesburg to witness the reality of gun-totin' street life for thousands of South Africans.

It made for excellent television – in equal parts shocking and intriguing.

Louis has been the BBC's 'boy' for many years and wisely he has been left alone to do his own thing.

While the recent BBC Two efforts have tended to stick to the more serious issues, namely gambling, prison and crime, it was with his Weird Weekends series that made his name.



**A REAL LIFE DRAMA:** Louis Theroux's superb show is now being re-run on Dave... don't miss it

Dave (called Dave as "everyone has a mate called Dave"; no I don't get the thinking either) has shrewdly snapped up the rights to this series, and if you didn't see these the first time round, not tuning in this time would be foolish.

It's compulsive viewing for those with a taste for the bizarre.

From wrestling to spiritualism, to self-improvement and the LA swingers circuit, no stone is left unturned.

Working by that old technique, "give 'em enough rope and let them hang themselves" all manner of oddballs gladly step forward and more often than not do just that.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)

**MAKING** friends with a newcomer could be difficult. They will probably want to keep themselves to themselves for the time being. The best way to break through is to ask for help with a project. Working together will prove stimulating. Your skills, will produce great results.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)

**MONEY** may be a little bit thin on the ground right now. The more frugal you are the easier it will be to make ends meet. Friends may try to coax you into hitting the party trail, but you will probably fancy a quiet Christmas especially if you need to watch your spending.

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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)

**YOU** won't have much time to rest and relax. Making money will be your first priority. It may be difficult to find lucrative opportunities. If you're looking for a job, you may need to take one that is beneath your ability. You never know which options will lead to something better.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756



**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)

**DON'T** compare your lot with that of wealthier people. You are in very different situations. If you want to change your fortunes, focus on looking for more lucrative work. This may involve developing your creative talent, getting new qualifications or launching your own business.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)

**YOU** may have to move because your current home is undermining a close relationship. Find somewhere that is acceptable to you both. A promotion or impressive job may be elusive. It seems as though there are more capable candidates. Don't be discouraged.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)

**THE** demands of work and family stop you doing as you please. This is really frustrating because you never interfere and try to stop people doing what they want. You think putting on airs to impress people is distasteful. Unfortunately, not everybody shares your view.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754



**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)

**THERE** will be precious little opportunity to spend time at home. You are needed at work where you must try not to be too hard on a newcomer who doesn't know the ropes. If you take it upon yourself to show them the ins and outs of the operation, be patient and tolerant.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)

**SOME** people seem determined to find fault with everything you do. Don't bother trying to get back into their good books. Their problem has nothing to do with you. An unreliable relative or roommate could try your patience and it will take all your willpower not to throttle them.

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**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)

**ANY** chances you might have to venture out and explore could be thwarted by mundane routine responsibilities. You need to finish a boring chore that has been sitting on your desk for weeks. Although you loathe this sort of work, it needs to be done and done properly.

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**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)

**ALTHOUGH** you long for peace and quiet you may not get much of it this week. Neighbours and relatives have an annoying way of calling at the most awkward times. If you want to avoid trouble, return phone calls and emails as soon as possible or you'll keep getting nagged.

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**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)

**GETTING** a direct answer out of an official will be a challenge because they'll want to dodge the issue. If you do exactly what they say and fail, you'll look incompetent instead of them. Avoid trouble by asking for all directives to be put in writing, then you can refer back to this.

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)

**SOMEONE** will be weighing you down with nagging criticisms and although you're eager to improve, you can't learn under these circumstances. Find a more tolerant guide or mentor. Upsetting news from a neighbour or relative makes you want to dive into the shadows.

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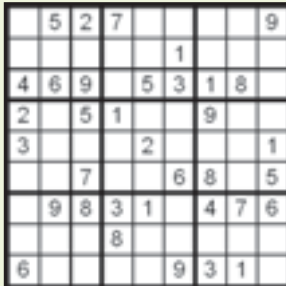
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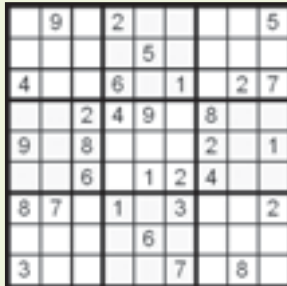
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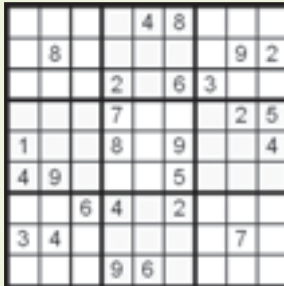
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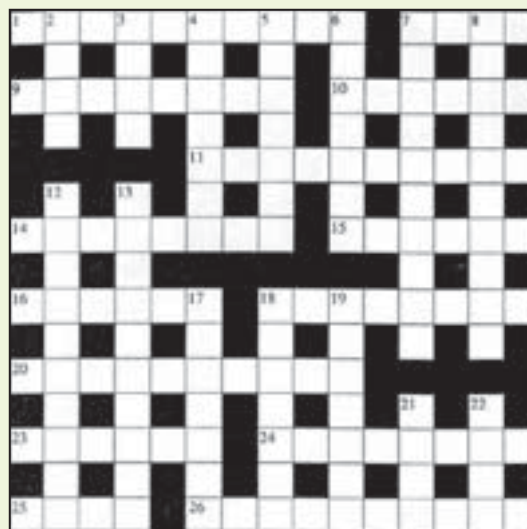


### CRYPTIC CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 1 Erroneous warning not true in the French fashion, marine concluded (5,5)
  - 7 We record leak (4)
  - 9 Crazy outfit by a newcomer with song (8)
  - 10 Jack with a delightful lady (6)
  - 11 Avoiding attention, depressed with outline (3-7)
  - 14 Shook case for arrows before end heartlessly (8)
  - 15 Do all minerals come from these North Atlantic islands? (6)
  - 16 Company open to all (6)
  - 18 Corporal ignited gas before dance (8)
  - 20 Piano hails from Caribbean island (10)
  - 23 3-D record-player (6)
  - 24 Short time with hesitation and impetus (8)
  - 25 Square incision behind cony (4)
  - 26 Handmaiden or handyman? (10)
- #### DOWN
- 2 Girl married first mate (4)
  - 3 Not all of one's crystal-ball used to practise crystal-gazing (4)
  - 4 Sharp-cornered rug Alan upholstered (7)
  - 5 Admitted everybody in debt (7)
  - 6 Officer with tailless cat on island (7)
  - 7 Anemone, current bloomer (10)
  - 8 Outstanding feature's superiority (10)
  - 12 Mixed fruit is cut ahead of time (10)
  - 13 Demon drink? (4,6)
  - 17 Agree large number are performing well (7)
  - 18 For another American agent is to become diver (7)
  - 19 Came in struggling after one was washed-out (7)
  - 21 Knot on tree inside trunk narrowed (4)
  - 22 Transport, say, with kiss (4)

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### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 1 Challenger (10)
- 7 Parts of the body (4)
- 9 Fertile female insect (5,3)
- 10 Hanging down (6)
- 11 Administration of justice (10)
- 14 Final programme (8)
- 15 Unwind (6)
- 16 Joined (6)
- 18 West Indian republic (8)
- 20 Irresolute (4-6)
- 23 Priest (anag.) (6)
- 24 Postpone (4,4)
- 25 Pull roughly (4)
- 26 On time (10)

#### DOWN

- 2 Female gamete (4)
- 3 Exclamation of relief (4)
- 4 Beer-mug (4-3)
- 5 Foot-lever (7)
- 6 Basic (7)
- 7 Unable to move because of ice (10)
- 8 Undergo (10)
- 12 Not replete (anag.) (4,6)
- 13 Sudden overwhelming attack (10)
- 17 Arrive in a vehicle (5,2)
- 18 Sea-mammal (7)
- 19 Land uncovered at low tide (7)
- 21 Tailpiece (4)
- 22 Prison compartment (4)

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### SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No65

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## Gertcha self dahn for a Tap'n'Tin knees-up

BY SIMON ROBINSON

FORMER Libertines frontman Pete Doherty will return to Chatham next week to play on the undercard of cockney rockers Chas'n'Dave's Christmas Tap'n'Tin gig.

We can reveal that the once-troubled singer/songwriter will act as warm-up for the Snooker Loopy duo in a repeat of last year's fantastic Christmas offering.

Pete's appearance was being kept under wraps by Tap'n'Tin bosses, but with the eagerly-anticipated gig just ten days away the cat has been let out of the bag.

A few tickets are still available, so visit [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com) to get your hands on one. Do it. Do it now.

Videos of Pete's and Chas'n'Dave's sets from last year's performance are available on our website, [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk), and at the right of this page.

To get you in the mood for the pre-Christmas treat, here are my top five Chas'n'Dave/Pete Doherty-related YouTube videos:

- Snooker Loopy by the Matchroom Mob with Chas'n'Dave (<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=BiAPzEsao0>).

This clip, viewed more than 75,000 times, shows the official video to the novelty pop song Snooker Loopy, a number six smash hit in May 1986. Featuring professional players of the day including Steve Davis, Terry Griffiths and Dennis Taylor on backing vocals, the timeless tune boasts lyrical gems such as "old Willie Thorne, his hair's all gone".

- Amy Winehouse (<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=hdxBJyonNgw>).

Doherty and Amy Winehouse use newborn mice ventriloquism to send a message to Amy's then-incarcerated husband Blake Fielder-Civil. Holding one mouse up to the camera, Amy says: "Blake, please don't



ROCKNEY GEEZERS: Pete Doherty on the mic at last year's fantastic Christmas gig with Chas'n'Dave

divorce mummy, she loves you ever so. I'm only a day old, I don't know what I'm doing, but I know what love is." Pete, holding another mouse, chimes in with: "If you do divorce her, you'll have me to deal with."

- Bizarre yet brilliant and viewed more than 1.2 million times.
- Kings of variety. The Two Ronnies use Chas'n'Dave as the inspiration for this Christmas ditty: Proper prime-time television.

(<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=IJCnhWsgii0>).

- Pete in the bath ([http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_iEnGC6jKSA](http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=_iEnGC6jKSA)).

The former Babyshambles singer speaks about the need to be clean before gigging. Good advice all round.

- Ossie's Dream (<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=WCXdlxZ5RiM>).

As the son of an avid Spurs fan, I feel it's my duty to draw your attention to this song, recorded for the 1981 FA Cup final.

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IVORY TICKLER: Chas at the old joanna during last year's Tap'n'Tin gig



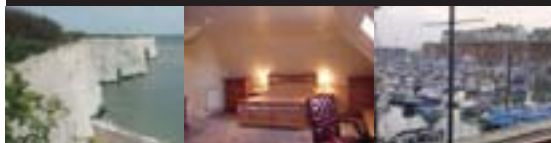
PLUS SUPPORT: Pete Doherty on stage at the Chatham venue



### The Kent chart

1. Steve Furlong - To fall with you (from Birchingdon)
2. D-FiNiTiVe - Space (from Tenterden)
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Single mum, 28, looking for LTR. I enjoy cosy nights in, dancing, dining out. I'm 5ft1, short hair, blue eyes. Box 445363

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Hard working single mum, young 44yr old, 5ft5, medium build, enjoys dining out, holidays, cinema and walks, WLTW a caring and genuine male for friendship/relationship. Box 444751

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Single, young looking 49yr old lady, blonde hair, blue eyes, 1m. Love nights out and evenings in. Box 866540

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# Thundering to the top

BY ELLIE GENOWER

PEOPLE always expect Ben Stiller to be funny.

It's not surprising, given he's made a career out of a string of hilarious characters; from the over-the-top vanity of male model Derek in *Zoolander* to his recent turn as an actor desperate to be taken seriously in *Tropic Thunder*.

As one of the most successful and esteemed comic actors in Hollywood, he isn't always able to hide his star power – even in the most unusual situations.

"I've had somebody ask for an autograph at a funeral," he admits, wryly. "That might not be appropriate. I gave it to them. I don't want to lose a fan. It was a family person who was closer to the deceased than I was, so I didn't want to rain on their parade even more."

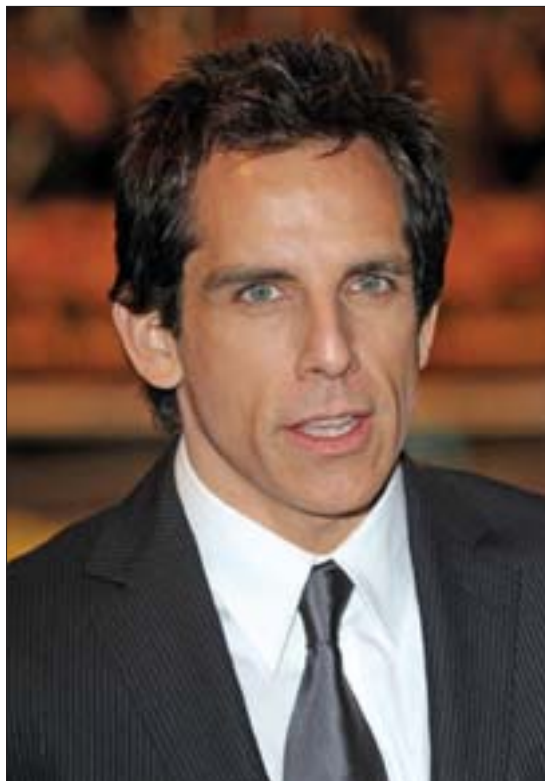
"There is some expectation, I guess, to always be funny, but it's more how you take it in yourself, like whether you care about that or not," he adds.

"You go on a talk show and people want to laugh. They want to see the funny guy be funny. But in life, I don't feel any sort of pressure to have to do that. When you're living your life you want to relax a little bit. Enjoy the funeral – you know what I mean?"

Ben has plenty of reasons to enjoy life as he approaches his 43rd birthday.

*Tropic Thunder*, which he co-wrote and directed, did brisk business at the US box office, knocking the phenomenally successful Batman film *The Dark Knight* off the top spot.

And his latest movie, *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa*, the sequel to the 2005 hit animated film, in which he voices Alex the



LIVING LIFE: Ben Stiller doesn't feel the need to be the funny man all the time

lion, also made number one in the American movie charts.

"It wasn't hard to decide to do the sequel because the first one was so much fun," Ben says.

"So with the second one, once you've done it and you understand what the process is, it actually makes it a bit more fun because you understand that

there's actually going to be a movie at the end of it. The first time we always wondered if they were making a movie because it went on for so long and we didn't see anything."

Animated films of this calibre take years to make, and can be a tricky task for actors.

The stars usually have to voice

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their parts alone in a studio vocal booth, which was the case for Ben's co-stars David Schwimmer (Melman), Jada Pinkett Smith (Gloria) and Will.i.am (Moto Moto).

Ben was lucky enough to be paired up with Chris Rock (Marty) for many of his scenes.

"It's a strange process because you're alone in the room a lot of the time," he admits.

"Sometimes there's another actor there. If it's not Chris, there's somebody else there to read the lines with you. And that's really helpful."

"It's always funny to see the guy they get to read Chris's lines. They're nothing like him. And I find humour in that. It makes me laugh which is good for the energy."

But whether Ben continues to just star in comedies or turn, like Robin Williams or Jim Carrey, to more dramatic roles, people will always expect him to provide the laughs.

"It's important to do whatever interests you and I've always been interested in different kinds of things."



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## Rocky Mountain adventure

■ BY ANDY WELCH

TELL anyone you're going to Colorado on holiday and chances are they'll ask if you're going skiing.

True, the American state, situated almost slap-bang in the centre of the USA in Rocky Mountain country, has some of the best snow in the world, making it a hotspot for skiers and snowboarders the world over.

But that doesn't mean a holiday in Colorado has to begin and end with pistes, ploughs and powder. There's a lot, lot more to the place than that.

Denver, which is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its founding this year, is Colorado's state capital, and also one of the most isolated cities in North America. Indeed, you have to travel about 500 miles in any direction to find another metropolis. As a result, Mile High City has an incredible air of independence, demonstrated by the huge number of privately-owned businesses and shops on every street.

Yes, there are the typical chain stores and malls you expect to find in any American city, but there are countless book, record and clothes stores, and great restaurants, which all give a unique flavour of the place, not to mention the relaxed, liberal-minded people.

Before getting into the ins and outs of Denver, however, a word of caution. Because of the city's altitude – it's not called Mile High City for nothing – the air tends to be very thin, which can lead to mild headaches and nausea.

Thankfully, it's easy to solve. Just drink plenty of water to stay hydrated, and take it easy when you arrive to acclimatise properly.

Strangely, for a landlocked city hundreds of miles from the coast, the seafood on offer in Denver is great, but most eateries in the city have bison burger or steak on the menu.



**GO WEST:** The Royal Gorge suspension bridge is one of Colorado's many incredible sights in the heart of America

Hotel-wise, Denver has a lot to offer too, from budget apartments, right up to our luxurious boutique Teatro. The modern hotel is so welcoming you might not want to leave. But when you do tear yourself away, it's easy to get around on foot as the Teatro's situated in the heart of Denver, on 14th Street.

If you don't want to walk, the hotel has a great car service that'll drop you off and collect you from anywhere in the city for free.

About an hour north of Denver lies the second-largest city in the state, Colorado Springs.

While it's easy enough to take a day trip here from Denver, to fully appreciate Colorado Springs it's well worth finding a hotel in the city. There are many to choose from, but for a bit of scenic luxury, splash out and stay at the

Cheyenne Mountain Resort, which has amazing chalet-like rooms, all of which have balconies facing out onto the most stunning views of the Cheyenne mountain.

On the way down from Colorado Springs, there are a number of places worth a stop, including Manitou, a small town full of arts and crafts stores, and if you find yourself anywhere near Golden, west of Denver, pay a visit to the grave of William Cody, aka Buffalo Bill.

The famous showman is buried on a spot overlooking the Great Plains and the museum there gives a fascinating insight into one of showbusiness's first great entrepreneurs, and a man who loved Colorado deeply. After sampling the state, you'll understand exactly how he felt.

### FACT FILE: COLORADO

Time difference	UK minus 7 hrs
State capital	Denver
Population	4.8 million
Language	English
Climate	Semi-arid
Religion	Christian
Currency	Dollar (\$1.5 approx to £1)



### Travel details

Andy Welch flew to Denver as a guest of the Colorado Tourism Office and United Airlines. From Heathrow, United Airlines offers one-stop services into Denver via Chicago, Washington DC, San Francisco and Los Angeles. United Airlines flights information: 0845 444 777 or [www.unitedairlines.co.uk](http://www.unitedairlines.co.uk)

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## MOTORS NEWS



### Blue savings give the seven-seat sector a lift

VOLKSWAGEN'S BlueMotion range of vehicles has expanded with the addition of the Touran and Sharan people carriers, which become two of the cleanest and most efficient seven-seater vehicles on the market.

A revised gearbox with lengthened ratios in third, fourth and fifth gears is linked to a highly efficient 1.9-litre, four-cylinder 105 PS engine fitted with a new variable turbocharger to further increase efficiency in the Touran (from £16,725) and a 2.0-litre 140 PS TDI in the Sharan (from £21,290).

The result is a combined fuel economy figure of 52.3mpg for the Touran BlueMotion and 47.1mpg for the Sharan BlueMotion.



### Mini is a design classic

THE Mini has cemented its position as a style icon with a place in London's Design Museum.

A unique example of the reborn BMW version has gone on display, with exterior artwork designed by legendary artist, illustrator and graphic designer Alan Aldridge.

The installation, entitled The Man with Kaleidoscope Eyes is part of a design exhibition by the celebrated artist who illustrated lyric books for the Beatles, album covers for The Rolling Stones, The Who and Elton John, was art director for Penguin Books and illustrated much-loved children's books such as The Butterfly Ball.

The piece was inspired by a similar example Aldridge produced in 1965 using the original BMC Mini, which celebrates its 50th birthday in 2009.

### BBC's star trio ready to select Top Gear again

TOP Gear star Jeremy Clarkson is thought to have renewed his contract and become one of the BBC's highest-paid presenters.

Co-stars Richard Hammond and James May also agreed new deals.

The car show continues to secure high viewing figures as well as court controversy: Top Gear was rapped by the BBC Trust this summer for showing Clarkson and May sipping gin and tonics during their attempt to become the first people to drive a car to the magnetic North Pole.

The show formula has also been exported successfully to Australia while a Russian version is also mooted.



**LEAN MACHINE:** Mitsubishi's Lancer is slightly bigger inside and out compared to its Ford Focus-class rivals with an impressive interior and good grip and balance on the road

## New Lancer more suited to UK than 'land of the Lada'

RUSSIANS loved the previous Mitsubishi Lancer.

The promise of rugged reliability was always likely to endear it to former Lada owners, but even a bargain price and much spec failed to convince many UK buyers.

Cue this year's all-new Lancer. Prices plus specifications are still aggressive, but there is far more to please the fussier British market and a narrower gap between mainstream models and the manically turbocharged, all-wheel drive, raw meat eating £28k Evo road-going rally version.

A 237bhp Ralliart performance flagship for the 'standard range' is also on the way, likely to cost around £20,000.

For now you can max out on GS4 versions, with uprated sports chassis, Evo-style 18-inch alloys, body kit and big boot spoiler – the model tested here in £18,499 2.0-litre diesel form.

First impressions are good; the new Lancer's frowning 'beetle brow' front end sets the tone for a more angular and muscular style than its predecessor – more Evo than zero.

It is also slightly bigger inside and out than Ford Focus-class rivals, which makes the

## ROAD TEST MITSUBISHI LANCER

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

saloon version more attractive to many would-be buyers, though the five-door hatch or 'Sportback' should nab 60 per cent of sales and an estate is also expected.

The interior is impressive, showing influence from the bigger Outlander SUV, with a neat and functional dash and softer touch materials even if door trimming shows signs of old-style Mitsi.

In GS4 form it walks the talk too, with good grip and balance and decent feedback through the wheel, though the heavier diesel engine can make it yaw a little under pressure.

The 138bhp Volkswagen-supplied unit also packs the kind of punch that the Lancer's lines suggest – making it the fastest of the standard range until the Ralliart arrives.

However, Mitsubishi needs to do more on the NVH (noise, vibration and harshness) front, so check out the 1.8 petrol version if you prefer more refinement at the cost of a bit more fuel.

The diesel version does settle nicely at cruising speeds though and makes this new Lancer a good budget performance model for our cash-strapped times.

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### GERMAN EXECUTIVE CLASS

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#### MERCEDES-BENZ E-CLASS



PERHAPS the most staid of our trio, the E-Class claims the highest swank value. Nothing at this level beats a three-pointed star on the bonnet. Reliability and quality has been excellent, though the halo slipped on the current 2002-launch range (pictured) until a facelift in 2006. Ride and handling is more in the 'comfort zone', but the E-Class is nimble enough and the estate is a cavernous and luxurious load-lugger. Excellent diesel engines complete a tempting package.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### AUDI A6



UNTIL the current A6 range, Audi's 'management motor' struggled to match its German rivals for style and image, though fit and finish was beyond reproach. However, examples built before the current 2004 line-up (pictured) can still be incredible bargains. Unless you buy the more expensive quattro versions though, an A6 means front-wheel drive – not everyone's preference. Ride and comfort also tends towards hard and 'sporting', but the A6 has excellent powerplants, particularly diesels.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### BMW 5-SERIES



BMW and its charismatic badge enjoy the most aspirational image with buyers and much credit goes to the 5-Series – a big car yet famed for its handling. The previous (pre-2003 – pictured) incarnation laid the foundations for that and many people still prefer its reserved styling to the 'new age Beemer' looks of its successor. The 5-Series also boasts some excellent engines, including diesels, though underpowered four-cylinder petrol models are best avoided.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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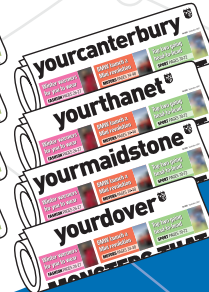


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## NISSAN

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An application form and job description can be obtained from <http://www.kca.org.uk/pages/vacancies.html> or e-mail [recruitment@kca.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@kca.org.uk) Alternatively, you can write to KCA (UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT or call: 01795 590635. Please quote reference 534.

Closing date: 19 December 2008.

Interview date: 9 January 2009.

KCA (UK) is committed to the principles of equality of opportunity for all and welcomes applications from people with experience of substance use or who have had previous problems with substance misuse. Charity No: 292824

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Closing date: 15/12/08

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Closing date: 18/12/08

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Salary: £20,225 - £26,123 pa  
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Hours: 20  
Location: Sevington, Ashford  
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Closing date: 15/12/08

###### Job Title: Lead Nurse, Infection Prevention and Control

Salary: £37,106 - £44,527 pa  
Band: 8a  
Hours: 37.5  
Location: Whitstable  
Ref: 767-EIC652  
Closing date: 17/12/08

###### Job Title: Bladder and Bowel Specialist Nurse

Salary: £29,091 - £38,352 pa  
Band: 7  
Hours: 37.5  
Location: Tankerton  
Ref: 767-EIC668  
Closing date: 18/12/08

###### Job Title: Inflammatory Bowel Disease Specialist Nurse X3

Salary: £29,091 - £38,352 pa  
Band: 7  
Hours: 37.5  
Location: Whitstable  
Ref: 767-EIC669  
Closing date: 18/12/08

###### Job Title: Specialist Respiratory Nurse

Salary: £29,091 - £38,352 pa  
Band: 7  
Hours: 37.5  
Location: Dover  
Ref: 767-EIC667  
Closing date: 18/12/08

###### Job Title: Intermediate Care Support Nurse

Salary: £24,103 - £32,653 pa  
Band: 6  
Hours: 37.5  
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Closing date: 18/12/08

###### Job Title: Specialist Epilepsy Nurse

Salary: £29,091 - £38,352 pa  
Band: 7  
Hours: 37.5  
Location: Tankerton  
Ref: 767-EIC672  
Closing date: 18/12/08

###### Job Title: Respiratory Nurse

Salary: £24,103 - £32,653 pa  
Band: 6  
Hours: 20  
Location: Dover Health Centre  
Ref: 767-EIC666  
Closing date: 18/12/08

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###### Job Title: Speech & Language Therapist (Schools Team & Early Years)

Salary: £20,225 - £26,123 pa  
Band: 5  
Hours: 37.5  
Location: Whitstable, Kent  
Ref: 767-ECC639  
Closing date: 16/12/08

###### Job Title: Speech & Language Therapist (Language Unit & Early Years)

Salary: £20,225 - £26,123 pa  
Band: 5  
Hours: 37.5  
Location: Laleham Gap School & Canterbury Health Centre, Margate  
Ref: 767-ECC638  
Closing date: 16/12/08

###### Job Title: Specialist Speech & Language Therapist (Thanet Schools Team)

Salary: £24,103 - £32,653 pa  
Band: 6  
Hours: 37.5  
Location: Margate, Kent  
Ref: 767-ECC635  
Closing date: 16/12/08

###### Job Title: Specialist Speech & Language Therapist (Schools Team)

Salary: £24,103 - £32,653 pa  
Band: 6  
Hours: 37.5  
Location: Margate, Kent  
Ref: 767-ECC634  
Closing date: 16/12/08

##### ADDITIONAL CLINICAL SERVICES

###### Job Title: Healthcare Assistant

Salary: £12,922 - £15,950 pa  
Band: 2  
Hours: 20  
Location: Sevington, Ashford  
Ref: 767-ASH244  
Closing date: 15/12/08

###### Job Title: Head of Infection Prevention & Control

Salary: £43,221 - £53,432 pa  
Band: 8b  
Hours: 37.5  
Location: Whitstable  
Ref: 767-EIC653  
Closing date: 17/12/08

###### Job Title: Head of Bladder and Bowel Specialist Team

Salary: £37,106 - £44,527 pa  
Band: 8a  
Hours: 37.5  
Location: Tankerton  
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Closing date: 18/12/08

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<b>Lecturer HE Building Surveying</b>	07/28
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18.5 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 pro rata per annum	
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<b>Project Co-ordinator - College Redevelopment</b>	08/117
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<b>Trainer Demonstrator - Wood Occupations</b>	04/148
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37 hrs per week, salary starting £15,085 per annum	
<b>Curriculum Support Assistant - Engineering &amp; Construction</b>	08/148
37 hrs per week, 40 weeks term time, salary starting £18,963 pro rata per annum	
<b>Curriculum Support Assistant - Health, Public Services and Care</b>	08/131
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### Concrete commitment as Brett signs up to charter

BRETT Landscaping and Building Products has signed up to a sustainability charter which lays down commitments designed to improve the Medway-based company's sustainability performance and profile.

It is organised by the British Precast Concrete Federation.

Commitments include developing products that improve the quality of the built environment, minimising waste disposal to landfill, cutting pollution and emissions linked to production and transportation, using energy more efficiently and reducing businesses carbon footprints.

### Campuses combine for third sector research

KENT University has links with the University of Birmingham's new Third Sector Research Centre.

Its aim is to conduct research and analysis into the so-called third sector – organisations such as charities, social enterprises and small community organisations.

Birmingham is working in partnership with the University of Southampton and the centre is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, Office of the Third Sector and the Barrow Cadbury Trust.

The world-class centre will receive a total joint investment of £10.25 million over the next five years.

### Extras effort results in travel awards triumph

HOLIDAY Extras, a UK market leader for airport parking and hotels based in east Kent, came away victorious from the British Travel Awards 2008 with the award for Best Airport Parking Company.

The prestigious awards were hosted by comedian Frankie Boyle in London and David Stratton, head of sales, picked up the award.

"The competition this year was extremely tough," he said. "But there can be no better reward for the hard work of everyone involved."

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# Paperwork pitfalls in booming market

■ BY TOM BETTS



**KEY ADVICE:** Landlords should avoid allowing tenants in before the legalities have been completed, says solicitor Annabel Pullan of Gullands law firm

RENTED property is a booming market these days for obvious reasons – but a warning has gone out to landlords that they shouldn't jump in too quick before the paperwork is sorted out.

Annabel Pullan, a solicitor at law firm Gullands, based at Maidstone but covering the whole of the county, said landlords keen not to lose out should be wary of allowing tenants to go in before everything is legal.

Landlords may come under a lot of pressure from prospective tenants to go into premises before all the papers have been processed. But there's a risk that tenants will be in there on uncertain terms and disputes could flare up which would be expensive in time and money to resolve.

Ms Pullan said: "Problems that can arise in such a situation apply equally where a landlord enters into protracted negotiations for a lease and continues to allow the occupier to remain in occupation and pay rent without completing the lease."

"Also, they may arise where a landlord allows an occupier to remain in occupation where the lease has not been formally assigned to that person."

She said potential problems were illustrated by a recent case – technically (if you want to look it up), *Manton Securities Limited v Nazam* [2008] EWCA Civ 805 – where the landlord did not take action following an unlawful, informal assignment of a lease.

The landlord allowed the occupier to remain in occupation paying rent, tolerated late payment of rent and even continued with protracted negotiations for a new lease.

"In such a situation there are a number of options available to a landlord, but in this case a court order was made obliging the landlord to grant a lease for a term of 21 years to a tenant with a poor record of paying rent on time and with whom the landlord has fallen out."

"The landlord had also paid substantial sums in costs and legal fees. This situation could have been avoided by the landlord taking firm action at the outset and others placed in this situation should take note."

Meantime, thousands of landlords and letting agents have signed up on a new comprehensive website for them, and tenants and prospective renters might also find it useful to check out. It's [www.riky.co.uk](http://www.riky.co.uk) and is full of advice and information, whether initial queries or detailed help. There's even some help with how to approach advertising.





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# England call-up a perfect end to year for Khan

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**ENGLAND CALLING:** Amjad Khan has been drafted in to Kevin Pietersen's England squad

KENT paceman Amjad Khan could make his Test debut in the first game of the series with India in Chennai tomorrow.

Khan, who was drafted in to replace Nottinghamshire seamer Ryan Sidebottom, was promoted from the Performance Squad that was training with Kevin Pietersen's side in Abu Dhabi ahead of the two Test series with India.

The call-up for 28-year-old Khan caps off an excellent year for the Danish-born fast bowler, who returned from a career-threatening injury to take his place in the Kent side last summer.

The quick bowler spent 16 months on the sidelines, including the whole of the 2007 season, after suffering cruciate ligament damage while on tour with England A.

Khan was called up to the England side

## CRICKET

as back-up for the final two One-Day Internationals before the series was abandoned in the wake of the terror attacks in Mumbai.

Now Khan stands a realistic chance of making the starting XI for tomorrow's first Test in Chennai and admits it's something he has been working towards since getting back from injury.

"It's a dream come true," he said, "although I never actually thought of playing for England growing up."

"I first believed I could play for England probably in 2002 when I took 60 wickets in a season and I was only 21. People talked about

what it took to play international cricket and I felt that I had most of the attributes."

England's form in India has been nothing to write home about after their bowlers took a pasting in the one-day series, but Khan believes he can bring something different to the England attack.

He said: "It is not just about pace for me, it is swing as well. We have been messing around with reversing balls here and that is probably what I can do differently."

"If I can get some of that in India it would be ideal and could set me apart from some of the other bowlers."

"At the moment India are probably the best side in the world and it is a tough place to tour."

"It is an opportunity because if I can play well in those conditions, I can play well anywhere."

## Roller hockey team facing Spanish test

HERNE Bay United face arguably their toughest fixture of their European League campaign this weekend as they visit Reus Deportiu in Spain.

The professional club near Barcelona are the reigning World Club champions and will be looking for a big win against Bay's amateurs to stay in the hunt for a semi-final place.

United heavily lost their opening two games in the group and if they could avoid defeat in Catalonia it would be the best result in their history.

They surged to the top of the domestic Premier Division with wins over Bury and Manchester last month.

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Gillingham boss Mark Stimson admits the club's focus is on the league

## Bay clinch seventh win on trot in style

EARLY goals from Sean Bremner and Luke Harvey helped Herne Bay to victory at Beckenham Town for their seventh successive win in all competitions.

Bay were 2-0 up inside 11 minutes and although the home side pulled a goal back midway through the second half, the visitors hung on for maximum points.

Bay have won every game since losing to Greenwich Borough on October 18, a run which has netted Barry Morgan a manager of the month award and propelled them to fourth in the table.

On Saturday they visit Erith Town in the Kent Senior Trophy.

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**DERAILED:** Kent's St Lawrence Ground redevelopment faces another lengthy delay. The county's finances were not helped by the loss of 14 days' play due to bad weather

# County say credit crunch will not force players out

## CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

KENT chiefs have vowed the playing squad will not be hit by the cost-cutting measures needed at the club.

Amid a message of doom and gloom ahead of financial figures which are expected to reveal heavy losses, club chairman George Kennedy said the players will not be affected.

However, the credit crunch has already claimed a victim for the time being at least – the club's £10 million redevelopment of the St Lawrence Ground in Old Dover Road.

As reported on page one, the scheme, originally due to start in January, will now not get

under way until next spring at the earliest – and possibly not until 2010.

It caps a rollercoaster of a year for the club, who reached two one-day cup finals – only to lose both the Twenty20 Cup and Friends Provident Trophy – and after challenging for the Championship title in the penultimate week of the season, eventually ended up being relegated for the first time in their history.

To make matters worse, the wet weather blew a hole in the summer's schedules and hit the club's bank balance hard.

Speaking to Yourcanterbury, Mr Kennedy hinted there may be cutbacks at the club's headquarters but their players will be safe.

He explained: "The cuts won't be too severe. We will keep the playing side out of it. We are committed to the players' contracts. We think we were desperately unlucky last season."

"We lost 14 days of cricket at home due to

the weather, which is 15 per cent of the season. We have no income on those days but still have to pay the stewards, catering and the players. It was one of the worst summers we have had in many years."

"Two teams lost more games than we did but because of the points system we went down."

The search for international talent has not stopped, however, with the club vowing to ensure the decision they make will not cause them a headache as seen in previous years.

Mr Kennedy added: "There's so many internationals next year, finding the right player is difficult."

"We had Andrew Hall a couple of years ago and he was away two or three times in the season with South Africa, which was really frustrating. We haven't committed ourselves but we haven't stopped looking."

Picture: IORRUPRO



# Hitmen on target for struggling Oystermen

## FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

### Whitstable Town 2

Cory 60, Pulman 67

### Walton Casuals 0

**STRIKE** duo Dave Cory and Ian Pulman combined on Saturday to make sure Whitstable Town's stay in the Ryman South's relegation zone was mercifully brief.

The forwards, who played a major role in the Oystermen's revival after New Year last season, scored one each and might have had more as Town won a crucial game at the Belmont.

Cory has only just returned from a lengthy injury lay-off and if both strikers stay fit, manager Marc Seager believes they will be key to the side's fortunes again.

He said: "They were big players for us last season when they joined the club around this time. I think they will play a big part again because on their day they are one of the best strike partnerships in the league."

Seager called the 4-0 loss at Godalming in the previous league game the worst of his managerial career. The defeat in Surrey saw Whitstable slip into the bottom two, but the

### Whitstable starting XI



Subs used: Pulman (Wisler 40), Tanner (Cory 85)

Belmont boss was pleased with the response in a genuine six-pointer against fellow strugglers Walton.

The hosts should have been out of sight at half-time but a series of missed chances saw the sides go in level at the break.

The tension was building among the home fans, but on the hour Marcos Perona hit the crossbar and Cory tapped in the rebound.

Pulman doubled the lead seven minutes later to give Whitstable a two-goal cushion and they went on to keep their first clean sheet of the season. More importantly it lifted them out of the drop zone.

Seager said: "It's always hard when you're in the bottom two. Psychologically it's a massive boost for us. Our next two games we've got teams in and around us."

"November was always going to be a tough month for us with playing lots of teams in the top half. Now we have got games from which we need to take points and we are more than capable of doing that."

• **Whitstable played title contenders Cray Wanderers last night. Log on to [www.yourcanterbury.co.uk](http://www.yourcanterbury.co.uk) for the report and reaction. This Saturday they visit Croydon.**



**DOUBLE ACT:** Ian Pulman (above) and Dave Cory scored the goals to lift Whitstable out of the relegation zone

## FOOTBALL



**ON FIRE:** Royston Gough (left) has hit 12 goals in three games

## Gough hits Lydd for six in cup rout

### Lydd Town 1 Canterbury City 9

**IN-FORM** striker Royston Gough's hot streak in front of goal continued at the weekend as he plundered six goals to help see off Lydd Town in the Les Leckie Cup.

Gough made it 12 goals in the last three games as City progressed with ease into the next round of the competition.

Lydd were never able to cope with Gough or the rest of the City team, who dominated from the start.

The visitors led after only five minutes and sent the home side into a panic that led to them losing any semblance of confidence. City scored at regular intervals and but for a period towards the end in which they relaxed, the score could have caused Lydd more embarrassment.

Although City manager Dave Fairclough had every reason to expect this to be another comfortable win, he selected a strong side, mainly because the previous week's league game against Otford had been postponed and the first-team players were keen for a runout.

An easy first goal after five minutes for Jamie Maxted, who hit the ball under the goalkeeper, quickly demoralised Lydd.

After 16 minutes Gough snatched the first of his half dozen when the outstanding Calum McGeehan passed to Dave Read who fed the ball on to Gough. The striker comfortably side footed in.

Read, who is proving to be an invaluable asset to the side because of his ability to play in defence, midfield or attack, started the game as a striker but was most effective as a provider from any position. Typically, he set up Gough for the third City goal. Gough added another by clipping the ball round the Lydd goalkeeper following a free-kick, then gave City a 5-0 half-time lead after Read again laid on the final pass.

Captain Luke Lockhart got in on the scoring rout, jabbing out a foot after chasing upfield to meet a corner, and Gough headed in City's seventh.

Although Kevin Bennett did manage to get one back for Lydd, City stormed on when substitute Dan Bonneywell cleverly controlled a high ball and offered Gough his easiest goal.

Finally, Harry Gower penalised Lydd for giving the ball away in their own penalty area to give City another resounding win.

## LEAGUE TABLES

### KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D		
1 Hythe Town	15	11	2	2	+19 35
2 Holmesdale	15	10	3	2	+16 33
3 Tunbridge Wells	13	10	0	3	+12 30
4 Herne Bay	15	9	1	5	+11 28
5 Faversham Town	13	8	1	4	+23 25
6 Erith & Belvedere	11	7	1	3	+1 22
7 Greenwich Borough	14	7	1	6	-1 22
8 Erith Town	13	5	4	4	+5 19
9 Deal Town	14	5	4	5	+2 19
10 Sevenoaks Town	15	5	4	6	-2 19
11 Slade Green	15	5	3	7	-2 18
12 VCD Athletic	11	5	1	5	+11 16
13 Norton Sports	12	5	1	6	-8 16
14 Beckenham Town	16	4	2	10	-4 14
15 Croydon	11	4	1	6	-1 13
16 Lordswood	14	1	1	12	-22 4
17 Sporting Bengal Utd	15	0	0	15	-60 0

### KENT COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION ONE EAST

	P	W	D		
1 Canterbury City	8	7	1	0	+29 22
2 AFC Sheppey	8	5	2	1	+3 17
3 University of Kent	7	5	1	1	+26 16
4 APM Mears	7	3	3	1	+9 12
5 Otford Utd	7	3	2	2	+5 11
6 New Romney	9	3	2	4	-7 11
7 Guru Nanak	6	2	2	2	-8 8
8 Staplehurst & Mon.	7	2	1	4	-14 7
9 Kennington	8	1	2	5	-12 5
10 Oakwood	7	0	2	5	-10 2
11 Lydd Town	8	1	0	7	-21 2

**FIXTURES (Saturday):** Ryman Division One South: Croydon Athletic v Whitstable Town. Kent League Premier Division: Erith Town v Herne Bay. Kent County League Division One East: Canterbury City v New Romney

## Under-strength Canterbury no match for rampant Rosslyn Park

## RUGBY

### Canterbury 12 Rosslyn Park 47

**BEATING** high-flying Rosslyn Park was a tough enough assignment for Canterbury on Saturday, but the loss of four players to injury made their task almost impossible.

Despite producing an improved performance from the defeat to Richmond a week earlier, Danny Vaughan's side were well beaten by the ruthlessly efficient visitors.

The hosts actually took the lead after ten minutes. Gert De Kock and Mike Melford, both playing their first games for three weeks, combined well for the latter to score. The conversion was missed but Canterbury briefly had Rosslyn Park on the ropes. They should have scored another try, but the backs ran out of room on the touchline.

It was not long before Canterbury's progress was hindered by injuries. Before half-time Matt Pinnick's involvement was ended by a head wound which needed seven stitches and Pat Sykes came off with a shoulder injury.

As Rosslyn's forwards began to dominate they scored two quick tries just before the interval to go in 14-5 up. A penalty and unconverted try extended their lead to 17 points, but Danny Willcox scored for the third successive game to cut the deficit.

Rob Keir and Chris Hinkins were both taken off with shoulder problems and Rosslyn made the most of the disruption to pile on the points late on.

Defeat leaves Canterbury tenth in National 3 South.



**RETURN:** Fit-again Mike Melford gave Canterbury a brief lead on Saturday

This weekend they have a cup double header. On Saturday they are at National 2 side Cambridge in the National Trophy before the second string play at Park House in the Kent Cup on Sunday.

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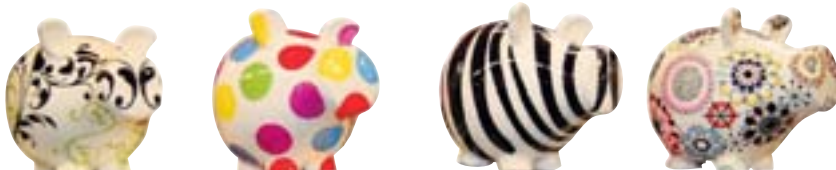


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